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## Workforce Investment Board seeking area youth providers

The Vermilion County Workforce Investment Board (VCWIB) and the Vermilion County Job Training Partnership has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for those interested in being a youth service provider for the Local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I Youth Program for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The Vermilion County WIA Youth Request for Proposal was released to the public December 15, and is available online at [www.vermilioncountyietc.com](http://www.vermilioncountyietc.com) or by contacting the Vermilion County Job Training Partnership office at (217) 442-3044 Ext. 233.

VCWIB identifies eligible providers of youth activities by awarding grants or contracts on a competitive basis based on the recommendation of the VCWIB Youth Council and VCWIB.

Funds are available to service providers that are most likely to enable youth to be successful in achieving educational, employment, and career goals. Money is to be used to improve programs linked more closely to local labor market needs with strong connections between academic and occupational learning, including activities to promote development, citizenship and employment success.

The program targets low-income youngsters ages 14-

21 who meet the following criteria: deficient in basic literacy skills, school dropout, pregnant or a parent, truancy, substance abuse, offender, physical disability, learning disability, mental illness, developmental disability, need for pre-employment and work maturity, workplace skill deficient as defined by standardized assessment, living in a single parent household, or living with a person who is not a legal guardian (ages 14-17).

WIA allows a five percent window for those who do not meet the minimum income requirements, but are in one or more categories including: school dropout, basic skills deficient, educational attainment that is one or more grade levels below the appropriate grade level, pregnant or a parenting, physical disability, learning disability, mental illness, developmental disability, homeless or runaway, offenders, those who face serious employment barriers as identified by the local WIB.

The Youth Program requires 10 services to be provided by the youth provider or partnership between a provider and a local agency, which are: 1.) Tutoring, study skills training, instruction leading to secondary school completion including: dropout prevention strategies; 2.) Alternative secondary school offerings; 3.)

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**Deedra A. Judy**, 37, of 3381 Artesian Ave., Armstrong was arrested at 4 p.m. Friday in the Hoopeston area.

She was charged with identity theft on a complaint from a 42-year-old man for an incident that occurred Thursday.

Judy was taken to the Public Safety Building in Dan-

ville.

**David M. Webber**, 33, of 727 E. Main was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of Pine. Webber, wanted on Vermilion County small claims and traffic warrants, was released with new court dates.

**William R. Gossett**, 37, of 903 W. Main was arrested at 11:56 p.m. Friday in the 900 block of West Main.

### Obituaries

**BURK** - Janice K. Burk, 65, of Hoopeston died at 5:10am Saturday Dec. 23, 2006 at home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to her grandchildren's education.

**EIGNER** - Richard D. (Dick) Eighner, 73, of Rankin, IL died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006 at his son's home in Somonauk. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church or a

charity of donors choice.

**ERVIN** - Donald Lee Ervin, 67, of Hoopeston died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006 at home. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home. Per his wishes, he will be cremated and burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**WOOD** - Ethel Roberta Chesnut Wood, 87, of Hoopeston died at 4:50 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

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Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning; 4.) Paid and unpaid work experiences including: internships and job shadowing; 5.) Occupational skill training; 6.) Leadership development opportunities, which may include such activities as: positive social behavior, soft skills, decision-making, teamwork and other activities; 7.) Supportive services; 8.) Adult mentoring for a duration of at least 12 months that may occur both during and after program participation; 9.) Follow-up services; 10.) Comprehensive guidance and counseling including drug and alcohol abuse counseling, as well as referrals to counseling, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth.


Proposal requests must be submitted to Vermilion Co. Job Training Partnership 407 N. Franklin St. Danville by

4 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2007.

A bidders conference will be held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007 at the Illinois Employment & Training Center (IETC) office, 407 N. Franklin, Danville, and by appointment only on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 from 9-11 a.m.

The Vermilion County local WIA Youth Program has met or exceeded all performance measures since WIA has been implemented in July 2000.

**Weather**



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 41, low 30. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 44, low 35.

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